

Arlington Conservation Commission
Minutes
December 17, 2015

Mr. Stevens called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the second floor conference room, of the Town Hall Annex. Present were Nathaniel Stevens, David White, Janine White, Mike Nonni, Charles Tirone, Susan Chapnick, Catherine Garnett and Curt Connors. Associate Eileen Coleman was not present. Also present were Bruce Whelittle, Steve Revilak, Julie Rioux, Karen Grossman, and Ron Strohsahl.

7:30pm – Commission Business:

Mr. Tirone reported on the formation of the **Community Preservation Committee**. The applications for these funds will be due Feb. 22. Town boards must represent projects on Town properties and present projects to Town Meeting.

The Commission discussed details of the **Mystic Riverfront Restoration** grant application.

7:45pm **Notice of Intent** – 111 Sunnyside Ave

Mr. Strohsahl presented the revised project to construct an addition to the rear of the existing house. With regrading and revised calculations the result is that no filling of floodplain is required. The basement will still have panels to allow flood waters to enter and escape freely. The large aging maple tree will be removed and a birch tree planted to the rear of the lot.

The Commission requested that the new birch planting be 10 to 12 feet tall. The road and area should be swept clean daily during construction, and any dumpster should be covered at the end of each work day.

Tirone/JWhite motioned to close the hearing; motion passed unanimously.

Tirone/Nonni motioned to approve the project with the above conditions; motion passed, with Mr. Connors recusing himself.

8:45pm **Discussion** – Waterbodies Assessment working group

A draft table and recommendations were distributed to the Commission for review.

JWhite/Nonni motioned to approve the Waterbodies report and recommendations; motion passed unanimously.

9 pm **Discussion** – Spy Pond Park shoreline stabilization project

The design work needed for this project will be submitted for funding through the Community Preservation Act. The Commission decided to seek proposals from qualified

consultants to prepare 30% plans and the selected proposal would be submitted with the application to the Community Preservation Committee. Later on, a consultant will need to be hired to present the project to Town Meeting

Ms. Garnett is going to draft an RFP for a 30% plan. Someone proposed broadening the scope to all of Spy Pond issues. Joe Connelly, Park Director, may have to be the sponsor. Mr. Stevens recommended just sticking with Park project.

Chapnick/DWhite motioned to support this as a 30% design plan for the Park, shore along Scannell field and property just the other side of Boys and Girls Club (end of Wellington St); motion passed unanimously.

Tirone/Chapnick amended motion to add other sections outside the park; motion passed unanimously.

Commission Business (cont.):

Mr. White drafted a letter to the Arlington Board of Selectmen regarding the ACROSS Lexington project and requesting partial funding of the **Arlington Reservoir** water chestnut removal work from the Town of Lexington. Mr. Stevens will finalize the letter.

Ms. Garnett reported on the **Symmes** working group work. The Monitoring Report was reviewed by Mr. Nonni and Ms. White and had no substantive issues (only typos). The report was considered acceptable by the working group.

Meeting adjourned at 10:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Corinna Beckwith
Commission Administrator